

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject patent application and for finding allowable material in the claims.

Claims 69-76 and 78-90 are pending; Claims 69, 80 and 88 have been currently amended; Claims 1-68 and 77 have been canceled. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Claims 69 and 80 are believed to be in condition for allowance as the subject matter of “an electroplated gold layer on said gold seed layer” believed to be allowable has been added into Claims 69 and 80 from allowable claims 77 and 88, respectively. For at least the same reasons, dependent Claims 70-76, 78, 79 and 81-90 are believed to be in condition of allowance.

Response to Drawing Objection

Reconsideration of drawing objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as the following must be shown: a gold layer is connected to said copper pad through said opening in said passivation layer (See Claim 80) is respectfully requested.

Applicants teach that a gold layer 36 is connected to a copper pad 24 through an opening in a passivation layer 30. ~ See Fig. 2, the second paragraph of page 9 and the third paragraph of page 10, in the original specification ~

Withdrawal of drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Reconsiderations of Claim 80 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, are respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

Applicants teach that a gold layer 36 is connected to a copper pad 24 through an opening in a passivation layer 30. ~ *See Fig. 2, the second paragraph of page 9 and the third paragraph of page 10, in the original specification* ~ The claimed subject matter that “said gold layer is connected to said copper pad through said opening in said passivation layer” is believed to comply with the written description requirement.

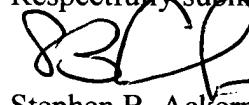
Withdrawal of Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, to Claim 80 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims and the application as a whole are respectfully requested.

It is requested that should Examiner Lewis not find that the Claims are now Allowable that she call the undersigned at 845 452-3204 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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